November 29, 1899.

BIBLE LESSON

The Sunday School

Abridged from Peloubets' Notes.

Fourth Ouarter. LESSONS IN GIVING.

Lesson XI. Dec. 10. Malachi 1:6-11; 3:8-12.

Read Chapter 1, and 2 Corinthians, Chapters 8 and 9.

Commit 3 : 10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God loveth a cheerful giver, I Cor 9:7. EXPLANATORY.

<text><text><text><text><text> God loveth a cheerful giver, 1 Cor 9 : 7. EXPLANATORY. I. MALACHI AND HIS WORK.—Malachi means "My Messenger," or if the name is an abbreviation of Malachijah, as Abi is Abijah (a Kings 18 : a with 2 Chron. 29 : 1), then the meaning will be "The Messenger of Jehovah." The Book of Malachi belongs either to the period preceding (possibly following) the reforms of Hzra. B. C. 458) or the re-forms of Nehemiah (B C. 427). Its prophe-cies are applicable to either, for the reforms were very similar in character, but the later period seems more probable to the ma-jority of critics. The Work of Malachi. Malachi pre-pared the way for Nehemiah's great work. "For the steps taken by Nehemiah were so prompt, not to say vehemently swift, that no time seems to have intervened after his return during which the words of Malachi could have been listened to. But if we suppose that the prophet appeared degehty before Nehemiah's return, then the practical measures of the g vernor would seem to be the natural fulfilment and execution of the threats of the prophet. Malachi in prophecy marks the same

studying, but revealed in its fulness of glory and bleasing by the person and the words of Jesus.
HIL THE MEAN WAY 1% WHICH THEY TREATED THENE LOVING GOD.—V8 6-11.
The prophet shows them why they have not been treated as they expected a good Heavenly Father to treat them. They would not permit it. No father can treat a bad child in the same way he does a good child. With the same love toward them they require a different discipline.
6. A SON HGNORETH HIS FATHER. That is the normal, natural, and usual way. IF THEN I BE FATHER, as you call me, and whose fatherly love you expect, wHERE IS MINE HONOR? Why do you not treat me as a father? O PRIETS The religious leaders of the people. AND YE SAY, WHERENT HAVE WE DESPISED THY NAME? They either t ied to brazen it out, or their conscience: were to dull and dead to realize what they had been doing.
7 YE OFFER POLLUTED EREAD UPON

and dead to realize what they had been doing. 7 YE OFFER POLLUTED BREAD UPON MINE ALTAR. That which they could not use themselves they offered in sacrifice, thus going through a form of sacrifice, but offering that which cost them nothing. It was hyporisy and insult IL was saying louder than by words, THE TABLE OF THE LORD IS CONTEMPTIBLE 8 THE BLIND FOR SACRIFICE. THE LAME AND SICK. Whatever was worthless and could not be sold or eaten by them-

and second persons of the Trinity, but not so easy to grasp the idea of the personality of the Holy Spirit. As he is spoken of and prayed about as an influence or inspin ation shed forth by the Father. But the Scriptures teach that he is a person.

I. The Holy Spirit. A Person. I. Because Christ and the apostles use personal pronouns in referring to him, John 14 : 16, 17, 24 ; 15 : 26 ; 16 : 8, 13 2. Because personal powers, understand-ing and will are ascribed to him, 1 Cor.

2: IO, II; I2: II; Eph. I: I3
3. Because of his personal appearance.

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Matt. 3:16, Acts 2:3, 10:44.
4. Because certain feelings are ascribed to him, as (a) grief, E b. 4:30, (b) vexed Isa. 63:10. (c) tempted. Acts 5:9
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5. Because personal divite attributes are ascribed to him. (a) Omniscience, 1 Cor. 2: to, 11, Isa 4): 13 14. (b) Onn-presence, Ps. 139: 7 Omnipotence, Luke 1:35 Eternal existence, Heb. 9: 14.

6 Because Divine works are ascribed
 to him. Gen. 1:2 J.-b 26:13, Ps. 104:30
 II. The office of the Holy Spirit.
 To convince of sin, John 16:8 9,

Acts 2 : 37

2. To regenerate, John 3:5.6, .Titus 2. To regenerate, John 3:5, 6, Titus 3:5, 1 John 3:9, 1 Peter 1:23 Eze 36:26, 3. To sanciity, 2 Thess. 2:13, 1 Cor 6:11, Rom. 15:16, 1 Peter 1:2 4. To comtort, John 14:16, 26; 15:26 16:7, Rom 8:15, 16.26, 5. To direct and teach, John 14:26; 16:13, Rom. 8:14, Eph 2:18. S. D. ERVINE.

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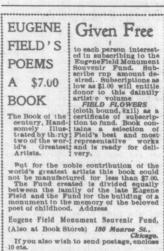
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